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large number of students gave evidence before the Director of Public Instruction proving the allegation, does not the statement just now made by the Hon. Minister look ridiculous? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Well, Sir, if a statement had been made, before the hon. Member he could have written to me about it. I have no objection to go further into the matter in the light of such communication."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" Sir, I met the Hon. Minister and communicated to him what happened there. So the statement of the Hon. Minister has come as a surprise."

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am sorry, Sir, the hon. Member did not tell me that the members of the managing committee admitted this before him. He made only a reference to the petitions received by Government in this respect."

Elections to the Co-operative Central Bank, Srikakulam.

* 198 *Q.*—SRI L. LAKSHMANA DAS : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state when the Government are going to conduct elections to the Co-operative Central Bank, Srikakulam?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" The question of conducting elections will be taken up after the end of June 1953, if necessary."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know, Sir, what is the meaning of that expression, ' if necessary '?"

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" Sir, if conditions are favourable for conducting such elections."

Holiday for workers under the Hydro-Electric Project, Machkund.

* 199 *Q.*—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that January 26th was not declared as a holiday for the workers employed in the Hydro-Electric Project at Machkund; and

(*b*) if so, why?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" Sir, are the Government aware that last year, August 15th was declared a holiday for the workers employed in the Hydro-Electric Project at Machkund and what stood in the way of the Government declaring January 26th as a holiday? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I have already answered the question."

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Sri T. Nagi Reddi :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have been declaring holidays for all other workers on that particular day and if so, why workers employed on the Hydro-Electric Project alone were not favoured with a holiday on that day? "

The Hon. Sri N. Ranga Reddi :—" The Government declared 26th January as an additional public holiday with wages for workers under the management of Public Works, Electricity and Highways and for such of the work-charged establishment as might be allowed to avail themselves of the holiday without prejudice to work. It is only for such people that the holiday was declared."

Grant of house-sites to Harijans in Vijayavada Municipality.

* 200 *Q.*—Sri T. Potha Raju : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether about 225 houseless Harijan families of Israilpet, Labbipet of Vijayavada Municipality have represented to the Government for grant of house-sites, and when the petitions were first received by the Government;

(*b*) whether the applicants were asked to pay to the Government at the rate of Rs. 75 per family to facilitate acquisition of about 15 acres of land within the limits of Patamata village;

(*c*) whether all the applicants have duly paid the stipulated amounts through the Labour Inspector, Vijayavada, and if so, when the payments were completed; and

(*d*) whether the Government acquired the said land or any other land and handed it over to the applicants, and if not, why not?

The Hon. Sri N. Sankara Reddi :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) *to* (*d*) Loan was sanctioned to the municipality for acquiring lands for Harijans."

Sri T. Potha Raju :—" Sir, in which year was the loan sanctioned? "

The Hon. Sri N. Sankara Reddi :—" The loan was sanctioned on 29th January 1953."

Kozhikode Water-supply Scheme.

* 201 *Q.*—Sri M. Narayana Kurup : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representation from Kozhikode Municipality regarding the future execution and completion of its protected water-supply scheme, and if so, what action has been taken?

The Hon. Sri A. B. Shetty :—' The answer is in the affirmative. It was represented that the water obtained in the Kozhikode Water-supply Scheme was not potable and that certain treatment works should be carried out to make